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OHIO CROP WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the State was 67.4 degrees, 4.3 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, July 6, 2008. Precipitation averaged 1.34 inches, 0.34 inches above normal. There were 107 modified growing degree days, 43 days below normal.

Reporters rated 3.0 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, July 4, 2008. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 55 percent adequate, and 44 percent surplus.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork			
	Current Week	Previous Week	Since 1st week of April
	Days	Days	Days
2008	3.0	3.4	45.3
2007	5.9	6.0	70.0
2003-07 Avg.	5.7	5.5	58.8

Topsoil Moisture				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Current Week	0	1	55	44
Last Week.....	0	2	53	45
Same Week				
Last Year	32	45	23	0
2003-07				
Average	10	22	60	8

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY JULY 6, 2008

It has been another wet week for the majority of operators in the State. Some reporters in Northwest district reported rainfall of 3-6 inches on Thursday July 3rd and limited hail damage in some counties. The major field activities for the week were cutting and baling hay and the beginning of the winter wheat harvest. Most field activities were limited during the past week due to rain. Reporters indicated that low lying sections of fields have sustained crop damage

and reduced fitness of plants, due to excess rain. These sections could be replanted to soybeans, if we get some dry weather, however it is too late to replant corn. Hail damage in the North Central region has sustained losses to summer fruit crops. Japanese beetles reported in the West Central district soybean fields and grasshoppers reported in soybean fields in the Southwest.

As of Sunday July 6 **winter wheat** ripe was 65 percent, down 27 points from last year and 2 points below the five-year average. Four percent of the winter wheat was harvested, 10 days behind last year and 7 days behind the five-year average. **Soybeans** blooming were at 11 percent, 10 days behind last year and 7 days behind the five-year average. **Corn** silked or tasseled was at 1 percent, 5 days behind last year and the five-year average. Eleven percent of the **Oats** were ripe compared to 20 percent last year and 10 percent for the five-year average. Summer apple varieties were 2 percent harvested, which was identical to last year, but 6 percentage points behind the five-year average.

The **alfalfa hay** second cutting was reported at 27 percent, 28 percentage points behind last year and 7 percentage points behind the five-year average. Eighty-five percent of the **other hay** first cutting was complete, compared to 100 percent last year and 95 percent for the five-year average. The second cutting of other hay was reported at 10 percent, compared to 29 percent last year and 16 percent for the five-year average.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Corn condition was rated at 72 percent in fair-to-good condition, up 1 percentage point from last week. **Hay** condition was rated at 72 percent in fair-to-good condition, down 3 percentage points from last week. Eighty-five percent of the **livestock** were in fair-to-good condition, up 3 percentage points from last week. **Oats** condition was rated at 87 percent in fair-to-good condition, compared to 81 percentage points last week. **Pasture** condition was rated at 77 percent in fair-to-good condition, unchanged from last week. **Soybeans** condition was rated at 75 percent in fair-to-good condition, up 3 percentage points from last week. Seventy-five percent of the **winter wheat** acreage was rated in fair-to-good condition, up 4 percentage points from last week.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JULY 6					
Crop	2008	2007	2003-2007 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Alfalfa Hay 2nd Cutting	27	55	34	15	NA
Apples Harvested (Summer)	2	2	8	NA	NA
Corn Silked (Tasseled)	1	13	6	NA	3
Oats Ripe	11	20	10	2	NA
Other Hay 1st Cutting	85	100	95	81	NA
Other Hay 2nd Cutting	10	29	16	5	NA
Soybeans Blooming	11	37	25	3	4
Winter Wheat Ripe	65	92	67	14	NA
Winter Wheat Harvested	4	61	30	NA	36

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 6						
		Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CORN	Current Week.....	3	10	32	40	15
	Previous Week.....	3	9	29	42	17
	Previous Year.....	6	13	31	40	10
HAY	Current Week.....	4	11	28	44	13
	Previous Week.....	2	8	27	48	15
	Previous Year.....	19	28	28	21	4
LIVESTOCK	Current Week.....	0	1	20	65	14
	Previous Week.....	0	1	19	63	17
	Previous Year.....	2	9	22	52	15
OATS	Current Week.....	0	3	24	63	10
	Previous Week.....	0	1	21	60	18
	Previous Year.....	3	22	33	35	7
PASTURE	Current Week.....	1	5	28	49	17
	Previous Week.....	1	5	28	49	17
	Previous Year.....	24	30	26	18	2
SOYBEANS	Current Week.....	4	10	34	41	11
	Previous Week.....	4	11	30	42	13
	Previous Year.....	7	16	32	36	9
WINTER WHEAT	Current Week.....	1	4	22	53	20
	Previous Week.....	1	4	21	50	24
	Previous Year.....	6	17	46	28	3

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JULY 6										
Region	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ¹			
	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Days</i>	<i>Days</i>	<i>Days</i>	<i>Days</i>
Northwest	66.5	-5.3	1.80	0.93	14.40	2.94	101	-48	1,202	-39
North Central	66.1	-5.3	1.20	0.29	14.23	2.38	97	-50	1,197	-8
Northeast	66.4	-3.1	1.24	0.37	12.38	0.50	99	-37	1,146	11
West Central	67.0	-5.4	0.89	-0.22	15.65	2.84	104	-49	1,273	-32
Central	68.1	-4.1	1.11	0.09	16.78	4.07	111	-41	1,339	14
Central Hills	66.3	-4.3	1.15	0.12	14.81	2.20	99	-44	1,214	0
Northeast Hills	67.3	-3.3	1.45	0.43	13.01	0.63	108	-35	1,215	-18
Southwest	68.2	-5.1	0.85	-0.26	16.43	2.61	111	-49	1,354	-36
South Central	69.2	-3.7	1.52	0.48	16.83	4.43	116	-40	1,400	-24
Southeast	68.4	-3.1	1.93	0.94	16.44	3.99	114	-35	1,331	4
STATE	67.4	-4.3	1.34	0.34	15.26	2.80	107	-43	1,275	-13

¹ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86

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